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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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EXPENDITURE ON HIGHER EDUCATION OF GDP
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spent on higher education during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the said percentage during the next three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): As per the data available with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the expenditure on higher education (including technical education) out of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 1.34%, 1.36% and 1.43% (provisional) during 2010-11, 2011-12 (Revised Estimates) and 2012-13 (Budget Estimates) respectively.

(b) & (c): The outlay of Department of Higher Education for the XII Five Year Plan is Rs.110700 crore as compared to the actual expendi- ture of the XI Plan, which was Rs.39646.82 crore for the Department of Higher Education. This is an increase of about three times. This increase in central plan outlay for higher education represents a determined effort on the part of Central Government for raising public spending on higher education.